Appl. No. 09/527,924 Amdt. Dated November 4, 2004 Reply to Office action of July 9, 2004

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the consideration given the present

application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and

this paper is provided in response thereto.

Claims 3, 10, 16 and 17 remain in this application. The remaining claims have been

canceled.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 16 and 17 are directed to allowable

subject matter. Claims 3 and 10 were objected to for depending from a rejected base claim

but are otherwise allowable. Claims 3 and 10 have been amended to put them in independent

format, and thus they should be allowable. Accordingly, no rejected claims remain in this

case.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present

application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it

is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited

to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the

present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same

to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 32429.

Respectfully submitted,

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